

MICHIGAN WILD TURKEY HUNTING GUIDE

2004 FALL SEASON

Application Period July 1–August 1, 2004



Turkey hunter reporting option

Apply online at www.michigan.gov/dnr

Important change for 2004:

- Some hunt units have been expanded, reduced, or eliminated



Application Information

- You must be 12 years old by the time a license is purchased.
- Review application guide and follow instructions under How to Apply.
- You must pay a \$4 nonrefundable fee at the time of application.
- You may apply
 - at any authorized license dealer
 - at DNR Operations Service Centers throughout the state
 - at a customer service kiosk (now available in select locations)
 - online at www.michigan.gov/dnr
- It is best to apply using a valid Michigan Driver License number.
- Keep your mailing address up to date with the Secretary of State.
- Verify the customer ID (Michigan Driver License, DNR Sportcard or state of Michigan ID card) numbers were correctly entered. **An incorrect customer ID will cause you to become ineligible for a license.**
- Verify that your information was correctly entered and keep your application receipt. **It is your responsibility to ensure this information was entered properly.**
- You may apply only once, either as an individual or with one partner.
 - The first applicant of each partnership will supply the hunt area choice and receive a “partnership identification” number. The other partner will need this ID number, when applying, to complete the partnership.
- Applicants who apply more than once, falsify information or apply with more than one party member will be ineligible for the drawing.
- It is unlawful to apply more than once or to purchase more than one fall turkey hunting license.
- If successful, you must go to a license dealer or to a customer service kiosk to purchase your turkey hunting license. You do not need to have your notification card with you when you purchase your license.
 - Both individuals in a partnership must purchase a license.
 - All licenses must be signed to be valid.
 - Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan hunting license.
 - Licenses may not be altered or transferred.

Fall Turkey License Costs

Item Number	Name	Cost
160	Fall Turkey Application	\$4.00
161	Turkey Fall Resident License	\$14.00
162	Turkey Fall Senior License	\$5.60
163	Turkey Fall Nonresident License*	\$65.00
261	Turkey Fall Leftover Resident License	\$14.00
262	Turkey Fall Leftover Senior License	\$5.60
263	Turkey Fall Leftover Nonresident License	\$65.00

*Nonresidents under age 17 may purchase a resident license.

**Drawing results will be posted August 23
at www.michigan.gov/dnr
Applicants who did not apply online
will be mailed a postcard by August 26.**

Assistance

If you encounter problems with your fall wild turkey application, you can obtain assistance by calling 517-373-3904. All inquiries regarding your application must be made prior to August 1. You can also call this number after the drawing if you need assistance with purchasing a license or if you have not received a notification card by August 26.

Leftover Licenses

If any licenses remain after the drawing, unsuccessful applicants may purchase one leftover license in person at any license dealer on a first-come, first-served basis for a one-week period beginning September 13 at 10 a.m. (EDT). Any licenses that remain as of September 20 at 10 a.m. (EDT) also will be available for purchase over the counter by individuals who did not apply for a fall wild turkey license. These licenses will be sold until the quota is met. It is unlawful to purchase more than one fall turkey hunting license.

REPORT ALL POACHING

Call: 800-292-7800

General Rules

Hunting Hours—It is unlawful to take or attempt to take a turkey except from 1/2 hour before local sunrise to 1/2 hour after local sunset. See the hunting hours in this guide.

Bag Limit—One turkey (any sex) per licensed hunter. It is unlawful to take or possess a turkey that you did not kill, use the tag of another, use a tag more than once, or allow another person to use your tag.

Hunting Methods—Hunters may use a bow and arrow, a firearm which fires a shotgun shell or a muzzleloading shotgun for turkey hunting. It is unlawful to use or carry any ammunition except shotgun shells loaded with No. 4 or smaller shot, or to use or carry loose shot larger than No. 4 for muzzleloading hunting. Archery hunters may hunt turkeys from an elevated stand or tree. A hunter using, or in possession of, a firearm may not hunt from an elevated stand or tree. Turkeys may be hunted with dogs during the fall season. Electronic recordings are illegal. Turkeys may not be taken while they are in a tree.

Authority to Hunt—A person shall not hunt wild turkeys in any area or during any hunt period other than the area and hunt period designated on their license.

Validating Kills—Immediately upon killing a turkey, a person shall validate their license by notching out the appropriate information as instructed on the license and securely attaching the license around a leg of the bird. A person shall not have in their possession or transport a turkey unless the validated license is attached to a leg of the bird.

Baiting Prohibited—It is unlawful to hunt for, take, or attempt to take wild turkeys over bait. For the purpose of this regulation, “bait” means a substance composed of grain, fruit, vegetables or other food placed to lure or entice wild turkeys. This does not apply to standing farm crops (normal agricultural practices) or other natural growing grains, fruits or vegetables.

License—The license is not valid unless signed by the successful applicant. Licenses cannot be altered or transferred.

Decoys—Mechanical, electronic or live decoys are prohibited. Mechanical decoy means any device that by design or construction uses motion as a visual stimulus to attract a wild turkey, except a wind sock or similar decoy body anchored at a fixed point into the ground and whose only motion is derived exclusively by power of the natural wind.